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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in a European Search Report in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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